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E.O.: 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, CM  
SUBJ: RELEASE OF BISHOP NDONGMO

REF: YAOUNDE 1689 (NOTAL)

1. BISHOP NDONGMO LEFT CAMEROON MAY 27 FOR ROME, ESCORTED BY APRKTOLIC PRO-NUNCIO MSGR. STORERO. ULTIMATE PLACE OF RESIDENCE LIKELY CANADA.

2. ACCORDING PRO-NUNCIO AND CANADIAN CHARGE (PROTECT BOTH), FOLLOWING ARE CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH RELEASE. PRESIDENT AHIDJO ON MAY 7 CALLED PRO-NUNCIO (WHO WAS PLANNING ANOTHER VISIT TO BISHOP IN TCHOLLIRE PRISON) TO INFORM HIM HE HAD DECIDED RELEASE BISHOP, BUT ON CONDITION BISHOP LEAVE CAMEROON FOR FAR-AWAY COUNTRY BEYOND AFRICA OR EUROPE, WHERE POSSIBILITY CONTACT WITH CAMEROONIANS WAS TOO EXTENSIVE. AHIDJO SUGGESTED WESTERN HEMISPHERE. SEVERAL DAYS LATER, GURC SIGNALLED ITS SPECIFIC DESIRE THAT BISHOP BE SENT TO CANADA. BISHOP IN EFFECT WAS RELEASED INTO CUSTODY OF PRO-NUNCIO, WHOSE HOUSE GUEST HE REMAINED UNTIL THEIR DEPARTURE MAY 27. MEANWHILE,  
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PRO-NUNCIO HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH CANADIAN CHARGE, BUT

APPARENTLY WITHOUT ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM VATICAN AND NO VISA APPLICATION WAS MADE. CANADIAN CHARGE UNDERSTANDS IT UP TO THE VATICAN TO FIND POST IN CANADA FOR BISHOP, AND THEN ATTEMPT MAKE FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS ADMITTANCE TO COUNTRY, AT WHICH POINT VISA ELIGIBILITY WILL HAVE TO BE DETERMINED AND NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE/POLITICAL DECISIONS MADE.

3. PRO-NUNCIO HAS MENTIONED THAT BISHOP VERY INTELLIGENT, LIKELY BE SUITABLE FOR SOME TEACHING POST. AT SAME TIME, HE QUITE CANDID IN DESCRIBING BISHOP AS MAN OF VERY POOR JUDGMENT, LACKING IN COMMON SENSE. PRO-NUNCIO OBVIOUSLY PLEASED THAT BISHOP FINALLY RELEASED AND LEAVING COUNTRY AFTER MORE THAN FOUR YEARS IMPRISONMENT. IT REMAINS NOW ONLY FOR VATICAN TO PLACE HIM SOMEWHERE AND FOR ALL CONCERNED TO HOPE HE KEEPS OUT OF TROUBLE AND INTRIGUE.

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